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In re Patent Application of

Michael J. SHEA

Atty. Ref.: EX-2DC4

Serial No. 09/541,986

Group: 3764

Filed: April 3, 2000

Examiner: G. Richman

For: METHOD OF PROVIDING MENTAL ACTIVITY FOR AN EXERCISER

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Michael J. Shea

Applicant respectfully requests that the filing receipt for the subject application be corrected as shown on the attached sheet to include Applicant's claims for priority made upon the filing of the application on April 3, 2000. Specifically, the Preliminary Amendment that accompanied the filing of this application amended page 1 of the specification to add the following paragraph:

—This application is a continuation of Application No. 09/317,980, filed May 25, 1999, which is a continuation of Application No. 08/869,166, filed June 4, 1997, now abandoned, which is a divisional of Application No. 08/493,541, filed June 22, 1995, now abandoned.--


The remarks in the Preliminary Amendment also refer to these prior applications. A copy of the postcard stamped to evidence receipt of this Preliminary Amendment on April 3, 2000 is attached.

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This paragraph added to the specification contains specific references to the earlier applications for which benefit is sought (i.e., (1) the identification of the prior application by application number and (2) an indication of the relationship between the (non-provisional) applications). *Because the priority claims are of the proper format and were presented at the time of filing on April 3, 2000, correction of the filing receipt is believed to be appropriate and is respectfully requested.*

The time periods set forth in 37 CFR 1.78(a) are not applicable because the priority claims were properly made at the time of filing. In addition, Applicant notes that these time periods would not apply in any event because this application was filed prior to November 29, 2000. See 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii)(B).

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application  
as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1, before (numbered) line 4, insert

--This application is a continuation of Application No. 09/317,980, filed  
May 25, 1999, which is a continuation of Application No. 08/869,166, filed June  
4, 1997, now abandoned, which is a divisional of Application No. 08/493,541,  
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On page 11, line 20, change "204" to --120--.

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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1-19, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims 20-24:

---20. A method, comprising:

a remote computer transmitting advertisements to each of a plurality of exercise apparatuses, each exercise apparatus comprising an exercise device and a display; and

each exercise apparatus displaying the advertisements transmitted thereto on its display while exercisers exercise using its exercise device.

21. The method according to claim 20, wherein the plurality of exercise apparatuses include one or more stationary bicycles.

22. The method according to claim 20, wherein the plurality of exercise apparatuses include one or more stair climbers.

23. The method according to claim 20, further comprising:  
each exercise apparatus displaying exercise data on its display while the exercisers exercise using its exercise device.

24. The method according to claim 20, further comprising:  
arranging the plurality of exercise apparatuses in a health club.—



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Entry of the above amendment and prompt examination are respectfully requested.

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